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Hi John,

As you are aware, your client still is a defendant in my action in the Southern District of Ohio. I just received a call from the Judge Weber's clerk. She asked about the status. I explained that your client had financial difficulties and that I would work to get the matter resolved as soon as possible.

So, I wanted to alert you that sometime in the next week, I will send you a letter identifying the updated financial information that I need from your client in order to justify an "ability to pay" settlement. Please let your client know that this letter will be coming.

I am also contemplating filing something with the court stating that we are working on resolving this matter and hope to have it resolved before the end of the year. I will let you know what I decide on that front. I would undoubtedly request that it be a joint motion.

I recognize that I have been slow to move on this, but, of course, I am sure that you recognize that this delay has benefitted your client by giving him some breathing room.

In any event, please call me. Thanks.

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